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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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EXAMINER: Weaver, Scott Louis

APPLICANT: Joseph C. Anders, et al

DATE OF OFFICE ACTION: 08/11/2003

TITLE: Telephone System

DATE OF RESPONSE: 08/22/2003

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**RESPONSE**

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The Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Technology Center 2600

Sir:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action of August 11, 2003 having a period of response set to expire by September 11, 2003. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

A request is hereby made that the designation in this case be changed to the designation as a continuation in part application. In support of this request is attached hereto the original filing documents specifically identifying this case as : "This is AN ORIGINAL FILING OF A CONTINUATION IN PART UTILITY PATENT FOR CLIFF ANDERS ET AL." The capitalization appears as it appears in the original, a copy of which is attached hereto as "Exhibit A". It is submitted that the oath does not require an amendment, but if such is required, an amended oath will be filed. No specific problem with the oath has been identified to allow the petition to file a response. MPEP 602.01, 602.02.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**